GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:72
ANSWERED ON:15.11.2007
COMPENSATION CLAIMS CASES BEFORE RCT
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases relating to accident compensation claims disposed off by Railway Claims Tribunal (RCT) alongwith amount of compensation claimed and paid during the last one year, zone-wise;

(b) the number of compensation claims pending before RCT till date, zone-wise;

(c) the time since when these cases are pending and the reasons for delay in disposal of such cases; and

(d) the average time being taken to settle such cases and the steps taken for early disposal of pending cases and the time by which these cases are likely to be disposed off?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (d) : A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.72 BY SHRI SUBHASH SURESHCHANDRA DESHMUKH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.11.2007 REGARDING COMPENSATION CLAIMS CASES BEFORE RCT.

(a) During 2006-07, 297 cases of Train Accident Compensation Cases have been decided by RCT and an amount of Rs.35.88 crores has been decreed. The maximum amount claimable in case of death is Rs.4 lakhs and in case of injury it ranges from Rs. 32,000 to Rs. 3.6 lakhs.

The zone-wise details are as under:

Name of the zone	No. of cases disposed	Amount decreed (in Rs.)
North	09	989000
East	18	867000
West	71	5347259
South	199	28682000

(b) 262 cases are pending as on 01.10.2007. The zone-wise details are as under:

Name of the Zone	No. of pending cases
North	91
East	85
West	48
South	38

(c) Age-wise pendency of accident cases as on 01.10.2007 is as under:-

Less than one year old	99
One year old	86
Two year old	33
Three year old	20
Four Year old	22
Five year old and above	02
Total	262

Reasons for delay in settlement of cases are as under:-

(1) Vacancies of Members from time to time.
(2) Non availability of heirship title with the claimants.
(3) Adjournment sought by the applicant/their counsel for producing their witnesses or other evidence.
(4) Transfer of claims cases from one Bench to the other.

(d) During 2006-07, average time taken for disposal of claim cases is 381 days. Railway Claims Tribunal (RCT) is a quasi judicial body and as such no time frame is prescribed for disposal of cases. Chairman/RCT is empowered to depute a Member of one Bench to the other Bench for holding Circuit Bench to clear the backlog.